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Presented for filing is a new continuation patent application of:

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Title: SURGICAL PROCEDURES AND INSTRUMENTS

The prior application is assigned of record to Smith & Nephew,  
a Massachusetts corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and  
Trademark Office and recorded on November 27, 2000 at 011318/0780.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date  
under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

	<u>Pages</u>
Specification	27
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### Enclosures:

- Form PTO-1449, 4 pages, listing documents cited in the parent application(s). Please confirm that these have been considered in this application by returning a copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the examiner's initials.
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This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 09/604,387, filed June 27, 2000. The disclosure of

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the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

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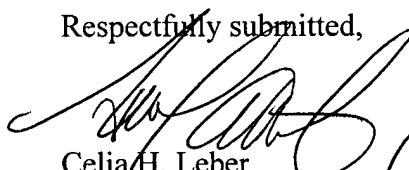
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